REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the sheets of replacement drawings attached hereto bring the drawings into compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. No new matter has been added.

The objection to claims 19, 20, and 100 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments.

The rejection of claims 1-5, 9-12, 16-20, 23-25, 27-29, 31-36, 40-43, 46-50, 53-62, 66-74, 77-81, and 95-103 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (1st para.) for failure to meet the written description requirement is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments.

The rejection of claims 1-5, 9-12, 16-20, 23-25, 27-29, 31-36, 40-43, 46-50, 53-62, 66-74, 77-81, and 95-103 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (2nd para.) for indefiniteness is respectfully traversed in view of the above amendments.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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